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Attention: STB Ex Parte No. 684

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, S.W.

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To Whom It May Concern:

By decision dated January 14, 2009, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPR") containing proposed rules to implement the provisions of the Clean Railroads Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-432, 122 Stat. 4848 ("CRA"), and providing that the proposed rules were effective immediately as interim rules until the Board issued a final rule. The NPR indicated that comments could be submitted to the Board on the proposal until February 23, 2009, and that reply comments were due by March 23, 2009.

The League is writing this letter in support of the comments submitted by the National Solid Wastes Management Association ("NSWMA") by separate letter, and we adopt the comments of the National Solid Wastes Management Association in their entirety.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and strongly urge the Board to make the changes suggested by NSWMA to better carry out the intent of the CRA. Thank you for your immediate attention to this vital matter.

Very truly yours,


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